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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON GENERAL WEYAND'S VISIT

REFERENCE: BUCHAREST 4139

1. WE WILL DECLINE TO COMMENT IN RESPONSE TO ANY PRESS
QUERIES ABOUT POSSIBLE ROMANIAN INTEREST IN ACQUIRING US
MILITARY EQUIPMENT WHICH MAY ARISE IN CONNECTION WITH THE
UPCOMING VISIT OF GENERAL WEYAND. PLEASE SO ADVISE THE
GOR.

2. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED IN DOD:

Q: WHERE IS GENERAL WEYAND?

A: GENERAL FRED C. WEYAND, CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED
STATES ARMY DEPARTED 24 AUGUST FOR VISITS TO SWEDEN AND
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ROMANIA AT THE INVITATION OF LTG ALMGREN, CINC, ROYAL
SWEDISH ARMY AND GENERAL COLONEL COMAN, FIRST DEPUTY
MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF, ROMA-
NIAN ARMY. THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP IS A RETURN VISIT

RESULTING FROM EARLIER VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES BY LTG ALMGREN AND GENERAL COLONEL COMAN.

Q: WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP AND WHAT COUNTRIES WILL BE VISITED?

A: THIS IS A RETURN VISIT RESULTING FROM VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES OF LTG ALMGREN, CINC, ROYAL SWEDISH ARMY AND GENERAL COLONEL COMAN. FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND CHIEF OF STAFF, ROMANIAN ARMY. THE PURPOSE IS TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THE COUNTRIES AND TO FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH THE DEFENSE AND TRAINING SYSTEMS OF THE TWO ARMIES.

Q: WHO GENERATED THE TRIP?

A: THE TRIP IS BEING MADE AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES INVOLVED.

Q: DOES THIS TRIP HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT ROMANIAN REQUEST FOR THE PURCHASE OF US MILITARY EQUIPMENT?

A: THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP IS AS STATED ABOVE.

3. FIRST ANSWER ABOVE CONSTITUTES DOD AUGUST 26 RELEASE. INGERSOLL

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